



## **UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Meeting Summary November 16, 2009**

#### **Approval of October 19th Meeting Summary**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Thompson. Approval of the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting summary was deferred to the next full board meeting.

#### **Introductions**

Introductions of members and guests were made around the room.

#### **Presentation: “Preparing for State Legislative Session”**

Representatives from the Upcounty State Delegation Districts were invited to give the Board some budget data for the upcoming fiscal year. Invited guests included: Senator Nancy King (District 39), Delegate Kirill Reznik (District 39), Senator Rob Garagiola (District 15), Delegate Kathleen Dumais (District 15), and Pam Saul, Delegate Rona Krammer’s office (District 14). Each district delegation representative gave the Board updates on the State budget as well as some budget cuts that would affect the County.

#### **Presentation: “Update: Code Enforcement Legislation**

Tom Street, Assistant CAO updated the Board on the Zone Text Amendment 09-03, Home Occupations and Residential Off-Street Parking and asked for the Board’s support/recommendations to the Council for the amendment.

#### **Report from the Chairperson**

Chairperson Robert Thompson shared three letters communicating the Board’s positions on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) priorities, the Gaithersburg West Master Plan, and the County Growth Policy. These letters have already been sent out to the County Council and the County Executive respectively.

#### **Committee and Liaison Reports**

*Land Use and Preservation Committee* – No report.

*Quality of Life Committee* – No report.

*Airpark Liaison Committee* – Montgomery County Airpark is the second busiest airport in the State of Maryland. However, the airport manager insists that the air traffic has been declining. Many pilots are now using the Frederick airport. Representatives from Montgomery Village are still concerned about the safety and the noise which come mainly from the student pilots and the flying clubs. They suggested that the flight paths be limited to Snouffer School, Wightman and Brink Roads. This would be a very narrow path and would involve flying over roads congested with traffic.

*Housing Opportunities Commission Liaison* – No report.

*Upcounty Regional Recreation Advisory Board Liaison* - No report. Mr. Eapen will serve as UCAB’s liaison.

*Transportation Committee* – No report. This committee has been abolished, however Mr. Donovan will continue to serve on the Executive Committee as the lead for transportation-related issues.

*Dickerson Facilities Implementation Group (DFIG)* – No report. Mr. Bachmann will continue to serve with this group.

*Speed Cameras Advisory Committee*– No report. Mr. Alexander will serve as the Board's liaison with the committee.

*Shady Grove Implementation Advisory Committee* – No report. Mr. Donovan will continue to serve on this committee.

*Permitting Services Advisory Committee* – No report. Mr. Donovan's term will expire in November 2009 and he has nominated, and the Executive Committee has accepted Mr. Einsmann as the Board's new representative on this committee.

*Smart Growth Initiative Implementation Group* – No report. Mr. Aviles and Mr. Donovan will continue to represent the Upcounty with this group.

*Germantown Master Plan Community Advisory Committee* – No report. The Plan has been adopted by the Council so the committee has been abolished.

#### **Community Comments**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

*Members present:* Nick Alexander, Andres Aviles, Bob Thompson, Joanne Atay, Heinz Bachmann, Terramika Bellamy, Juan Cardenas, Joel Cockrell, Bradley Davis, George Donovan, Cherian Eapen, Andrew Einsmann, Natalia Farrar, James King, Robert Owolabi, Christopher Snead

*Staff present:* Catherine Matthews, Jewru Bandeh and Andrea Bush

*Guests:* Senator Nancy King (District 39), Delegate Kirill Reznik (District 39), Senator Rob Garagiola (District 15), Delegate Kathleen Dumais (District 15), and Pam Saul, Delegate Rona Krammer's office (District 14), Andre Taylor, The Gazette